

MARYLAND TO AID SANTA CLAUS SHIP

Interest in Star's Project to Help War Orphans Spreads Outside District.

ROCKVILLE WOMEN TO GIVE A BENEFIT TEA TOMORROW

Two Washington Boys Will Have Entertainment Friday to Raise Fund for Christmas Vessel.

The Star will receive cash contributions for the Christmas Ship fund at its business office, and all contributions will be acknowledged in the columns of The Star. Checks should be drawn payable to the Christmas Ship Fund, Evening Star, Washington.

Contributions of toys, clothing, etc., will be received in behalf of The Star by the Merchants' Transfer and Storage Company, which will hold, free of any charges whatever, and forward such contributions at the proper time.

Toys, clothing for children, etc., are among the articles desired. Clothing for women will also be received and forwarded, provided the articles are new.

The following cash contributions have been received by The Star:

Previously acknowledged	\$222.93
Three friends	4.00
Henry Gifford Evans	1.00
Miss Mabel Evans	.50
Friend	10.00
Miss Curran Boatwick	3.00
M. G. K.	2.00
Truman M. Pratt	5.00
Charles W. Greenwell	5.00
Sophie, Ethel, Margaret and Josephine W. C. L.	1.00
Fort Washington, Md.	1.00
Total to date	\$254.43

Contributions of toys, etc., received by The Star and sent to the custody of the Merchants' Transfer and Storage Company, to be cared for and forwarded at the proper time in addition to those previously acknowledged, are as follows:

M. L., 1 package clothing.
Master Marcy Foster, 151 Rhode Island avenue, 4 dolls.
J. B. Cooley, 121 W. street northwest, 1 package toys.
Miss Sylvia Bradburn, Chevy Chase, 1 package toys.
Miss Ella C. Nelson, 1736 F. street northwest, 1 box and 1 package toys.

Interest in the Star's Christmas ship and its cargo of clothing and toys, to be sent to the war orphans and widowed mothers, is spreading far beyond the boundaries of the District of Columbia, and this interest is by no means confined to the boys and girls. Grown-ups as well as the young are working for the cause. The Star's present indications are that Washington's contribution to the Christmas ship's cargo will just about fill the big freight car the Pennsylvania railroad is to give, free of any charge, to carry the gifts. Capital residents from the city are contributing to the naval collar given—designated by the Secretary of the Navy as the Christmas ship—is to receive her cargo.

The Rockville, Md., correspondent of The Star sends in the following: "Rockville is taking a part in the Star's Christmas ship, which is soon to sail with a cargo of toys, etc., for the children of Europe. The committee has been named to solicit contributions of toys, clothing and other articles. The committee is composed of Mrs. Otto H. W. Talbot, chairman; Mrs. George H. H. Talbot, secretary; Mrs. Lee Oratt, Mrs. Richard Stokes, and Miss Mabel Kinison. Under the leadership of this committee an afternoon tea is to be held tomorrow at the Montgomery Country Club for the benefit of the Christmas ship fund."

To Give Entertainment.

Two small boys, Benjamin Nyman and Robert N. Buckler, are to give an entertainment from 5 to 6 o'clock next Friday afternoon for the benefit of the fund. The entertainment is to be given at the home of Mrs. Howard S. Nyman, who is to give the use of the entire drawing room floor of her residence, 1638 18th street northwest, for the affair. The boys are eager to add their mite to the fund for the purchase of gifts to be sent on the Christmas ship to the children of Europe, and the proceeds of their concert will be added to the contributions pouring into the fund.

A meeting in Woodward & Lothrop's auditorium Saturday afternoon the school-boys and schoolgirls of Washington are to be given an opportunity to hear the most unbelievably awful conditions in the war-torn countries of Europe. A number of speakers, learned and eloquent from the war zones of the old world, are to describe what they saw and tell of what they heard there. The speaker will be the National Capital first-hand information in regard to the suffering that exists among the children for whom the gifts to be carried on the Christmas ship are designed.

The meeting is to open at 8:30 o'clock, and the program is to include a number of musical selections, among these being patriotic songs by Miss Jeanie Winston. Miss Winston is also to sing "It's a Long Way from Tipperary," which, according to dispatches from the battlefields, is the most popular song among the British troops. The entertainment is to be given under the auspices of the children's relief committee.

To Present a Play.

This organization is also perfecting plans for a performance of "Hop O' My Thumb" at the Playhouse November 17. Arrangements for this production were made before it was learned that the Christmas ship was to sail November 10, and when the ship's sailing date was announced it was too late to advance the date of the performance. The proceeds, however, are to go to the war orphans, the use of the Playhouse having been donated for the occasion. Miss Ada Louise Townsend and Maurice H. Jarvis are to take leading parts in the production. Dancing is to follow the performance, and tickets for the affair are to be on sale November 2.

Contributions to The Star's Christmas ship fund are being received in gratifying volume. The following letter speaks for itself:

"Please accept this dollar from four little daughters of a soldier. Our papa has been reading to us every night of all the little boys and girls that have been made orphans by this terrible war. We feel so sorry for them, and we don't know what we should do if our papa should have to go to war."

Entertainments Planned for the Christmas Ship

October 28 Afternoon tea, Montgomery Country Club, Bradley Hills.
October 28—Entertainment and dance, Washington Hall, 34 street east, Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Admission, 15 cents.
October 30, 4 to 5 p.m.—Concert, Masters Benjamin Nyman and Robert N. Buckler, at residence of Mrs. Howard S. Nyman, 1638 18th street northwest.
October 31, 8:30 entertainment at the Playhouse. "Hop O' My Thumb." Performance to be followed by dancing.

The Star will gladly publish announcements of entertainments to be given for the benefit of the Christmas ship. Send full information at once to the Christmas Ship Editor, Evening Star, Washington.

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Funeral services at the home, 1733 N. street, the funeral cortege proceeded to All Souls' Church, where the simple and impressive ceremonies of the Unitarian faith were carried out. Rev. Dr. U. G. B. Pierce officiated.

Remarks by Dr. Pierce. In his remarks Dr. Pierce said that Mr. Green needed no eulogy, but that his monuments "stand about us," referring to the State, War and Navy buildings, the Washington Monument and the Library of Congress, all of which Mr. Green was largely instrumental in building.

Dr. Pierce drew an analogy between one departing on a vessel for Europe and those left behind on the pier, and one departing from life and those left behind in the world. He said that such a departure surely could not come to an end, but must go on to greater things.

Honorary Pallbearers.

The honorary pallbearers were Herbert Putnam, librarian of Congress; Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; O. H. Tittman, superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey; Gen. William H. Bixby, U. S. A., retired, chief of engineers; Prof. Charles E. Munroe, president of the Cosmos Club; Gen. John M. Wilson, U. S. A., retired, of the Corporation Art Galleries; J. R. Marshall and Pickering Dodge.

Dr. E. S. Thomas, Robert S. Woodward, president of the Carnegie Institution, and Rev. Dr. Henry Noble Couden, chairman of the House of Representatives, were among those present at the ceremonies.

ELKS PLAN OYSTER ROAST.

Washington Lodge to Entertain at Clubhouse Thursday Evening.

Many surprises for the members of the order and their friends are being planned for the first oyster roast of the season to be held by Washington Lodge of Elks Thursday night at the clubhouse on H street between 10th and 11th streets northwest. James Farrell, chairman of the committee which has the arrangements for the feast in charge.

It is announced that the first thing on the menu will be the famous Elks oyster cocktail, which will be followed with panned, roasted and steamed oysters. The feast will be staged in the club's restaurant, in which special equipment for roasting and steaming oysters has been installed.

An entertainment program in which local and professional talent will participate is being planned for the evening. The feast is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

WILL RAISE SUNKEN SCOW.

Deckload of Railroad Ties Taken From John Taylor.

In preparation for pumping out, floating and bringing to Alexandria the sailing scow John Taylor, owned by J. H. Carter & Co. of this city, which sank in Nanjemoy creek several days ago, the deckload of railroad ties has been removed from the vessel, and Capt. Taylor is here this morning with a supply of pumps to be used in freeing her of water.

It is stated that she is not seriously damaged by lying on the mud in Nanjemoy creek, and as soon as she is floated she will be towed to the Alexandria shipyard to be docked for examination of hull and for such repairs as are necessary. The vessel had completed loading several hundred railroad ties at Friendship, Charles county, Md., and was waiting for a full tide, when she developed a big leak, which those aboard her could not control with the facilities at hand. The Taylor is the largest vessel of her class in service on the Potomac.

WITH THE U. S. TROOPS IN MOBILIZATION CAMP NEAR MOUNT VERNON.



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EXTENSION OF AID TO COTTON RAISERS TO BE EXPENSIVE

Plan Tentatively Formed to Provide Fund of \$135,000,000 for Surplus Crop.

SUBMITTED TO BANKERS WILL KEEP STRICT WATCH ON SHIPMENTS TO CITY

If Adopted, Loans on Product Will Be Guaranteed at Interest Rate of 6 Per Cent.

A tentative decision to raise a fund of \$135,000,000 to take care of the cotton crop surplus and extend aid to the cotton producers was reached last night by members of the Federal reserve board, who for weeks have been discussing this problem with bankers.

This plan has been practically approved by the board, which will have direct supervision of the fund, but is expected to operate through a committee of bankers and business men. According to the plan, which is somewhat different from the one originally proposed, loans are to be made on cotton at 6 cents per pound, bearing interest of not more than 6 per cent. These loans are to run for one year, with the privilege of extension for six months additional.

New York bankers already have agreed to subscribe \$50,000,000 to the fund, and southern banks are counted upon for \$35,000,000 more, much of it being supplied by the Federal reserve.

The fund of \$135,000,000 is to be raised in non-cotton-producing states.

Details of the plan were withheld last night, as the board decided to wait assurances from the bankers that it satisfies them.

Outline of the Plan.

Secretary McAdoo, however, outlined the plan as follows:

"The Federal reserve board continued consideration of the plans for the relief of the cotton situation, giving special attention to a plan suggested by Albert H. Wiggin, J. S. Alexander, A. J. Hemphill and William Woodward of New York and Festus J. Wade of Louisiana for the raising of a cotton loan fund aggregating \$135,000,000. This plan has been evolved from that originally proposed by Festus J. Wade."

"The full details cannot be given out until it is submitted to the bankers in the leading financial centers in order to ascertain whether or not they will support it. It has been 'proposed' tentatively by the Federal reserve board and bankers in the leading financial cities will be asked immediately to subscribe the necessary amount."

The board of New York city have already agreed to subscribe \$50,000,000 upon condition that an additional \$50,000,000 be subscribed by cities in non-cotton producing states. The remaining \$35,000,000 is to be provided by the cotton states.

Rate of Interest Prescribed.

"The new plan contemplates the loaning of money on cotton at 6 cents per pound, and at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent, for a period of one year, with the privilege of a renewal for an additional period of six months. It is provided that all services rendered in the administration of the fund by voluntary committees and bankers shall be without charge, but that the cotton raisers shall pay 6 per cent on the amount loaned to them into a fund which is to be called the guarantee fund. It is to be used exclusively for paying the necessary expenses of administration, which it is estimated will not exceed 1 per cent of the total amount loaned."

Referring to non-resident guests shooting in Virginia, the law provides: "It is unlawful for any person to shoot or kill any game or animal on the land of another person, or on the land of a non-resident, without the license of the landowner or his family, provided his host receives no compensation for such shooting."

The season for shooting rabbits opens November 1 and closes February 1. It is unlawful for any person to shoot or kill any game or animal on the land of another person, or on the land of a non-resident, without the license of the landowner or his family, provided his host receives no compensation for such shooting."

It is hoped that responses may be received from the bankers of the leading cities early next week. If they are favorable the plan will be put into immediate execution. In that case the cotton loan fund will be administered under the general supervision of a committee to be composed of the individual members of the Federal reserve board, which committee will, in turn, appoint a committee to be known as the 'cotton loan committee', and which will have the actual management of the fund.

"The plan in its new form is more practical than anything heretofore presented, and it is hoped that the required amount may be promptly subscribed in order that the plan may be put into immediate operation."

COTTON BUYERS THREATENED.

Night Riders Warn of Burnings If Price Is Not Kept Up.

DAINGERFIELD, Tex., October 24.—Night riders last night posted notices on the doors of merchants here who have been known to buy cotton for less than 10 cents per pound. The notices gave warning that the stores would be burned if any more cotton is purchased at less than 10 cents.

Most of these men said they considered the threats of no importance, and many of them bought cotton today under 10 cents. Similar threats were also posted last night on some signs in this neighborhood.

UNDERGOING REPAIRS.

Power Boat Virginia on Marine Railway—Others in Service.

For her annual overhauling and painting the power boat Virginia, belonging to L. A. Clarke & Son, is out on the small railway at Bennett's boatyard and will be out of service for several days. When ready for commission it is probable she will return to points down river where vessels are loading ties and will be used to shift the vessels about and to tow tie-laden lighters from the shore to vessels loading as they lie at the foot of 9th street southwest for repair work to her stern and for hull attention, has been completed and launched. Mr. Mason, with his family, will leave here aboard her today for a trip on the river.

A new power launch belonging to Capt. Neitney and